

PEABODY SCRIPT



2009-2011 Officers Installed

The highlight of the October 6th meeting was the installation of the newly elected officers. Votes had been tallied by the Nominating Committee, and the Chairperson, Virginia Mann reported the results.



William N. Bland, Jr., Pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Petersburg, and a 1969 alumnus of Peabody High School.

Pastor Bland commented about the original structure of the Peabody High School building and how it all came to be, and the many successful individuals who were products of Peabody High School. Concluding the installation service, Rev. Bland asked officers to make a circle symbolizing unity, and pledging that the work they swore to do for the Association not be broken.



Installed were: Thelma Jefferson, President; Anoinette Evans, Vice-President; Flossie Johnson-Ridley, Recording Secretary; Oriette Bellamy, Financial Secretary; Patricia Miller, Treasurer; Vernetta Cox-Dupree, Membership Secretary, Ann Jackson Ellison, Chaplain, Iris Brown, Historian, and Thomas Banks, Sergeant-At-Arms.

The installation ceremony was conducted by the Rev.



During President Jefferson's statements to the newly installed officers and to the other members present, she stressed her continued emphasis on teamwork. To highlight her comments, she read a poem entitled "Teamwork," written by Kimberly P. Johnson, and she presented to the new officers a laminated copy of the poem.

A 10-minute refreshment break allowed President Jefferson to present a token of appreciation to Pastor Bland and allowed officers and members to fellowship with him before he left for another engagement.



50th Class Reunion Celebrated by PHS class of 1959

Members of the Class of 1959 came together for a weekend of fun filled activities, September 4-6, 2009. Most of the festivities took place at Holiday Inn South, Colonial Heights, VA. Sixty percent of the classmates participated in the reunion. The events began with registration and a meet and greet on Friday evening. Each person received a commemorative bag with many goodies. Saturday morning, classmates arose early to share breakfast together and then boarded a Petersburg City School bus (a first school bus ride for many) to tour the city of Petersburg, which included Blandford Elementary School, Old Towne, Albert Jones Field, Virginia Avenue School, Petersburg High School, Camelot, Petersburg Sports Complex, Giles B. Cooke School, Henry Williams School, and a rest stop at Southside Regional Medical Center. Upon arriving at Peabody Middle School, classmates met with Principal Cheryl Perkins in the library for a welcome and assignment of student guides for a tour of the building. The tour culminated with lunch in the school's cafeteria.

During the Saturday evening banquet, R.J. Bragg and Dion Diamond presided. The invocation was given by Deacon Lonnie Chavis, and Joyce Brown, Class Valedictorian extended the welcome. Brenda Fowlkes and Joyce Goudy presided over a Memorial Tribute to the deceased members of the class. The members and guests participated in a sing-a-long, led by Doris Burgess, Annette Rose and Gloria Cooper. Warm greetings were delivered by Thelma Jefferson, President of the Peabody High School National Alumni Association and Principal Cheryl Perkins from Peabody Middle School. Remarks were given by Joseph Cooper, Ph.D., class of '55, which ended with a stirring rendition of "I've Got Friends in High Places." Photographer for the evening was Janice Mann (class of '70), and music was provided by the Petersburg R&B Group, under the direction of David Chambliss, Petersburg High School Band Director.

On Sunday morning, classmates worshiped at Gillfield Baptist Church. Grace Glenn gave the class tribute and Lee Fields presented the donation to the church. Following the worship service, members assembled in Bias Hall for lunch and fond farewells.

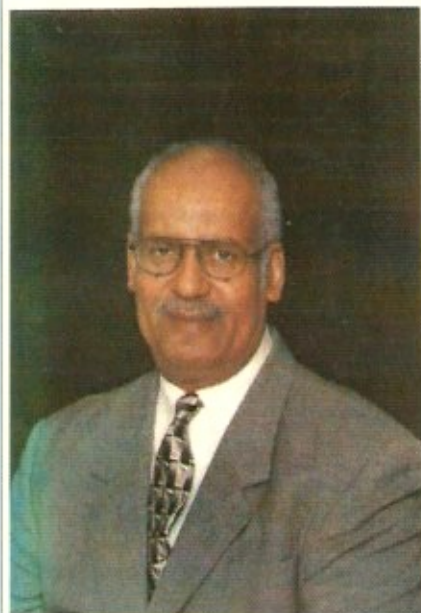
Reunion Committee Members were: Jacquelyn Bailey Kidd, Ruby Bland Dance, R.J. Bragg, Lonnie Chavis, Mary Duncan Rose, Lee Fields, Brenda Fowlkes, Joyce Goode Goudy, Lula Harris Lawson, Camilla Malloy Stephenson, and Gloria Whorl Cooper.



Seated - left to right: Joyce Brown Harris, Grace Jones Glenn, Ruby Bland Dance, R.J. Bragg, Lula Harris Lawson, Dale Starkes Crayton

Standing: Brenda Fowlkes, Dorothy Turner McDaniel, Camilla Malloy Stephenson, Mary Annette Duncan Rose, Anjean Carter, Carl Williams, Gloria Whorl Cooper, Jacquelyn Bailey Kidd, Doris Hawkins Burgess, Joyce Goode Goudy, Lorraine Morgan Lipscomb, Dion Diamond, Meade Fitzgerald, Gloria Walker Viverette, Naomi Morse Thompson, and Lonnie Chavis.

Quarles Receives Community Service Award



Harry L. Quarles was the recipient of the Community Service Award from the Chesterfield County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at the 24th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. Quarles is a 12-year member of the Chesterfield branch and has served as Freedom Fund Banquet chairman. He is also a member of the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers, immediate past chairman of the Crime Solvers Scholastic Program; served on the Crime Solvers Executive Board and the Speakers Bureau. Under his leadership as chairman of the Scholastic Program, the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Program was cited as the best Scholastic Program in the state of Virginia. In October 2006, Quarles received the State Award for the Civilian Board Member of the Year from the Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc; and in January 2007, he received the Crime Solvers Award for Distinguished Service to the Crime Solvers Scholastic Program from the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers Board, of which he has been a member since 2000.

Quarles is a native of Petersburg, a graduate of Peabody High School, class of '52 and serves on the 2010 Centennial Planning Committee of the Peabody High School National Alumni Association. He attended Virginia State University, and there he met his wife, Marolyn R. Quarles. They have one daughter, April Michelle. He is an active member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

United in Holy Matrimony



The marriage ceremony uniting PacingWilliams (class of '69) and Lee Duggar took place on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Memorial Chapel, Fort Lee, VA. The Officiating Minister was the Reverend Andrew J. White, Jr. The Maid of Honor was Carolyn Peyton, and Best Man was Norman Duggar. She was a beautiful bride, escorted by her son, Chival Tyler, Sr., and her brother, Richard Williams, Jr. Bridesmaids were Otelia Clary, Doris Crawley, Adele Williams and Lelia Williams. Groomsmen were Andre Chapman, David Harris, Carroll Jones and Joseph Rozario. The Junior Bridesmaid was Paizlee Tyler; Bell Chimers, Janiyah Howard and Jaliyah Howard; Ringbearer, Chival Tyler, Jr. Ushers were James Duggar III, Robert Hardy, Jonathan Hardy, Davon Webb and Richard Williams III. Pacing chose friends from her PHS class (1969) to serve as hostesses. They were Paulette Johnson, Olivia Jefferson, Claudette Stewart, Antoinette Evans, Shirdeaner Shands and Cynthia Branch.

Pre-Nuptial Music was rendered by Glendora Keys, and beautiful solos sang by Carter Baker, Renee Talley, Saria Talley and Bertine Williams-Hardy.

The bride chose to use Black and Gold as her theme colors, which beautifully decorated the Fort Lee Regimental Club where the reception was held.

Alarge group of family and friends gathered and enjoyed, delicious food and delightful music.

*Two Beautiful Lives
Joined As One!*



Birthday Celebrations

Happy 90th Birthday - Ms. Susie Smith

Ms. Susie Smith celebrated her 90th birthday on April 12, 2009 with her family in Petersburg. Her daughter, Shirley Tukes (class of '57) her son-in-law, Charles and grand-daughter, Linda came from Savannah, Georgia for the celebration. They joined her daughter, Stella Cummings (class of '54), grandson Carl and grand-daughter Donna in wishing her a "Blessed and Happy Birthday," and showered her with cards, gifts and flowers. As usual, a birthday cake was included in the celebration.

To God be the Glory for keeping her for 90 years.



Celebrating 103 Years - Miss Florence Gill

Miss Florence Malilda Gill celebrated 103 years of friendship and blessings at the River View On the Appomattox Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hopewell. She was surrounded by her sister, Ms. Arlene G. Johnson (class of '37), other family members and many friends. Miss Gill, along with Attorney Robert Henry Cooley, Jr., are the only two remaining members of the class of 1927. Members of the Cathedral Choir of First Baptist Church, Harrison Street, where Miss Gill sang for many years, rendered several selections.

Miss Gill enjoyed a second slice of birthday cake and joined in for her birthday song.



Happy Birthday
Miss Florence



A Heart Full of Gratitude

Vernetta Cox-Dupree sends her most sincere THANKS to all persons who sent well wishes to her during the time she was hospitalized, and since she has been at home recuperating. The cards, plants, phone calls, visits and most importantly, your prayers helped to cheer and sustain her during the most difficult days. This poem will somewhat convey the gratitude Vernetta feels for your thoughtfulness.

Thank You So Much

*The world's a whole lot better place
Because of people like you
Who give real joy and pleasure
By the nice things that they do . .
And with your recent thoughtfulness
Still very much in mind,
This is meant to bring a "Thank-You"
Of the very warmest kind!*



*Love you all!
Vernetta*

Executive Board Representatives

Become involved and serve on the Executive Board for the 2009-2010 term. President Jefferson is asking persons who graduated in the even-numbered classes to be representatives for your classes and become members of the board.

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_____	1946*
_____	1948*
_____	1950*
Harry Quarles	1952
Stella Cummings	1954
Connie Easter	1956
_____	1958*
Raymond Bailey	1960
Walter Moore	1962
Albert Dawson	1964
Bernice Richardson	1966
_____	1968*
Thomas Banks	1970

*Representative Still Needed

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Jesse J. Mayes

Tri-Cities 555th Airborne Chapter Scholar

Members of the prestigious Jesse J. Mayes Tri-Cities 555th Airborne Chapter (JJMTAC) of the Triple Nickles Infantry Association, Inc., presented its annual scholarship to Enrique Burgos Feliz of Chester on July 12, 2009. Enrique is 17 years old and attending Old Dominion University in Norfolk, where he is studying civil engineering. He is the son of Enrique Bargas and Marita Feliz-Reyes, and a graduate of L.C. Bird High School in Chesterfield, with a 3.83 GPA. Enrique told the members of the 555th Chapter that he appreciated the scholarship; it will help him with the books he needed.

Other annual donations by the Chapter are made to high school JROTC students and ROTC students at Virginia State University, Veterans Affairs Hospital, and the Black History Museum and Cultural Center in Richmond. Persons interested in becoming a 555th member can call 804-861-0945 or 590-1101. Membership is open to all eligible persons; military experience is not a requirement for membership.





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SATURDAY
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Phyllis McGinley

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